

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1951.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th September, 1950, was estimated to be 565,518, comprising 290,514 Males and 275,004 Females.

On the 30th June, 1950, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 301,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

		<u>DECEMBER</u>		<u>12 Months ended DECEMBER</u>	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Marriages	Number	475	501	5,435	4,951
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	9.78	10.84	9.73	9.29
Births	Number	1,212	1,076	14,231	13,511
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	24.96	23.29	25.47	25.35
Deaths	Number	404	376	5,058	4,790
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	8.32	8.14	9.05	8.99
Infant Mortality	Number	33	31	386	357
	/ Rate per 1000 Live Births	27.23	28.81	27.12	26.42
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>					
Tuberculosis		6	5	129	128
Cancer		54	52	677	658
Influenza		2	1	32	13
Diphtheria		-	-	7	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		45	49	530	448
Arteriosclerosis		11	5	141	136
Diseases of the Heart		130	111	1,514	1,501
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia		11	20	187	269
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		5	2	50	34
Nephritis		14	16	122	185
Diseases of Early Infancy		16	21	229	215
Senility		3	9	41	75
Accidents		35	25	411	325
All Other Causes		72	60	988	799
<u>Total</u>		404	376	5,058	4,790

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

/ Deaths under one year.

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Month	Day	Year	Time	Place	Event
January	1	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	2	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	3	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	4	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	5	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	6	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	7	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	8	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	9	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	10	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	11	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	12	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	13	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	14	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	15	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	16	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	17	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	18	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	19	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	20	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	21	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	22	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	23	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	24	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	25	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	26	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	27	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	28	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	29	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived
January	30	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Departed
January	31	1900	10:00	St. Paul	Arrived

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the month of January, totalled 84,392 acres, an increase of 48,503 acres on the corresponding month last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 78,084 acres, an increase of 63,399 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Revenue	£ 2,195,183	£ 1,976,054	£ 14,790,232	£ 13,170,310
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£3.16.7d.	£3.12.5d.	£26. 2. 7d.	£24.7.10d.
Expenditure	£ 2,100,514	£ 1,847,403	£ 15,206,656	£ 15,518,037
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£3.13.3d.	£3. 7. 8d.	£26.17. 4d.	£28.14.10d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st January amounted to £39,964,681 or £69.12.6d. per head of population as against £38,346,510 or £70.1.6d. per head as at the 31st January last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4½ weeks ended 31st January 1951, amounted to £12,119,549 compared with £8,220,336 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds		JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Transfers	No.	1,748	1,440	14,109	11,929
	£	1,975,947	1,414,938	15,259,702	9,431,365
Mortgages	No.	1,140	909	10,107	7,263
	£	1,401,162	926,126	12,749,297	8,119,174
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	897	711	6,667	5,854

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
Seven Months ended January, 1950	12,711,908	7,692,078	28,415,300	1,385,862
Seven Months ended January, 1951	17,150,739	11,769,645	32,062,862	1,699,875
Month of January, 1950	2,022,861	1,160,353	4,570,178	205,616
Month of January, 1951	3,515,617	1,933,607	6,797,470	348,506

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

77 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,234,000 and 30 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended January, 1951. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 64 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,854,000 and 39 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Seven Months ended JANUARY					
	1951			1950		
	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £
Sequestration Orders	17	63,636	34,808	17	26,634	45,392
Deeds of Assignment(a)	11	27,274	28,892	13	39,390	18,517
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows :-

		NOVEMBER		5 Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Gross Earnings (a)	£	558,800	525,000	2,826,600	2,471,300
Working Expenses (a)	£	644,635	568,617	3,287,848	2,897,270
Train Miles Run	No.	596,000	574,668	3,020,840	2,642,375
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b)130,582	88,661	(c)647,852	436,206
Passenger Journeys -					
Train	No.	808,207	860,874	4,553,509	4,603,553
Motor Bus	No.	41,892	37,255	209,433	182,746
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		232,987	234,450	1,193,062	1,074,709
Livestock		18,806	21,467	71,971	71,534
Departmental (Free Freight)		72,996	54,792	332,664	225,736
Total		324,789	310,709	1,597,697	1,371,979
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		34,646,664	35,292,386	185,824,289	163,931,679
Livestock		2,260,532	2,475,757	9,410,901	9,737,504
Departmental (Free Freight)		9,194,542	8,156,223	41,731,378	34,572,353
Total		46,101,738	45,924,366	236,966,568	208,241,536

- (a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.
(b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 18th November.
(c) Period covered - 2nd July to 18th November.

The following table shows the results of the survey of the State Government Railways for the year 1934-35. The figures are in lakhs of rupees.

Income				
Passenger	Freight	Mail	Other	Total
1,20,000	1,80,000	10,000	50,000	3,60,000
1,10,000	1,70,000	10,000	50,000	3,40,000
1,00,000	1,60,000	10,000	50,000	3,20,000
90,000	1,50,000	10,000	50,000	3,00,000
80,000	1,40,000	10,000	50,000	2,80,000
70,000	1,30,000	10,000	50,000	2,60,000
60,000	1,20,000	10,000	50,000	2,40,000
50,000	1,10,000	10,000	50,000	2,20,000
40,000	1,00,000	10,000	50,000	2,00,000
30,000	90,000	10,000	50,000	1,80,000
20,000	80,000	10,000	50,000	1,60,000
10,000	70,000	10,000	50,000	1,40,000
0	60,000	10,000	50,000	1,20,000

The following table shows the results of the survey of the State Government Railways for the year 1934-35. The figures are in lakhs of rupees.

Expenditure				
Passenger	Freight	Mail	Other	Total
1,20,000	1,80,000	10,000	50,000	3,60,000
1,10,000	1,70,000	10,000	50,000	3,40,000
1,00,000	1,60,000	10,000	50,000	3,20,000
90,000	1,50,000	10,000	50,000	3,00,000
80,000	1,40,000	10,000	50,000	2,80,000
70,000	1,30,000	10,000	50,000	2,60,000
60,000	1,20,000	10,000	50,000	2,40,000
50,000	1,10,000	10,000	50,000	2,20,000
40,000	1,00,000	10,000	50,000	2,00,000
30,000	90,000	10,000	50,000	1,80,000
20,000	80,000	10,000	50,000	1,60,000
10,000	70,000	10,000	50,000	1,40,000
0	60,000	10,000	50,000	1,20,000

Profit and Loss				
Passenger	Freight	Mail	Other	Total
1,20,000	1,80,000	10,000	50,000	3,60,000
1,10,000	1,70,000	10,000	50,000	3,40,000
1,00,000	1,60,000	10,000	50,000	3,20,000
90,000	1,50,000	10,000	50,000	3,00,000
80,000	1,40,000	10,000	50,000	2,80,000
70,000	1,30,000	10,000	50,000	2,60,000
60,000	1,20,000	10,000	50,000	2,40,000
50,000	1,10,000	10,000	50,000	2,20,000
40,000	1,00,000	10,000	50,000	2,00,000
30,000	90,000	10,000	50,000	1,80,000
20,000	80,000	10,000	50,000	1,60,000
10,000	70,000	10,000	50,000	1,40,000
0	60,000	10,000	50,000	1,20,000

The following table shows the results of the survey of the State Government Railways for the year 1934-35. The figures are in lakhs of rupees.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
<u>1950 -</u>								
January	312	58	-	105	696	218	7	214
February	394	122	2	109	814	394	6	199
March	390	173	1	112	827	510	9	242
April	422	114	7	94	817	381	12	215
May	477	149	8	104	933	430	15	190
June	333	142	14	72	591	271	17	116
July	354	137	6	72	868	525	15	183
August	372	191	8	80	681	498	14	173
September	416	172	7	85	794	489	14	189
October	457	207	5	100	828	599	8	185
November	403	236	15	131	786	679	17	238
December	334	200	13	150	690	666	16	246

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1948 -</u>								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949 -</u>								
June	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
December	26,245	11,989	402	7,286	43,981	40,412	781	11,740
<u>1950 -</u>								
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
July	29,461	12,631	445	7,848	48,458	39,489	839	11,921
August	29,799	12,811	453	7,910	49,105	39,976	853	12,076
September	30,157	12,938	457	7,976	49,841	40,420	864	12,246
October	30,564	13,215	460	8,086	50,469	40,927	858	12,529
November	30,898	13,411	478	8,149	51,467	42,183	884	12,844
December	31,223	13,490	494	8,230	52,185	42,792	903	13,030

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for December, 1950, 140 Cars; 734 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, December, 1950 and 1949 and 6 months ending December, 1950 and 1949, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Oversea	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Interstate	3,309	3,296	18,817	14,702	9,060	4,621	41,489	25,276
	3,700	3,533	23,224	18,017	690	719	3,882	3,156
<u>TOTAL</u>	7,009	6,829	42,041	32,719	9,750	5,340	45,371	28,432

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)		No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
	No.	Value	No.	Value						
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1313	1365	3,331(b)	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1950 -										
Mar. Qr.	200	179	557	764	10	58	66	124	833	1,125
June Qr.	281	267	787	1,088	8	46	92	106	1,168	1,507
Sep. Qr.	317	342	924	1,301	9	61	122	187	1,372	1,891
Dec. Qr.	515	577	1,063	1,574	14	98	148	234	1,740	2,483

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(b) Includes 280 individual Flat units, and 1 Shop and dwelling combined for a total value of £279,000.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,888	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1950 -										
Mar. Qr.	294	465	51	43	375	402	7	6	727	916
June Qr.	408	659	86	76	499	547	13	12	1,006	1,294
Sept. Qr.	431	751	84	77	623	721	11	10	1,149	1,553
Dec. Qr.	576	1,013	116	115	765	902	24	20	1,481	2,050

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,746,272 lbs. were produced during December, 1950 and 11,563,391 lbs. for the six months ended December, 1950, as against 1,763,713 and 11,887,913 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1949.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	JANUARY		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1951	1950	1950	1949
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	51,186	51,769	610,333	648,426
Value (Aust. Currency) £	792,959	801,985	9,466,270	7,962,808

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the twelve months ended December, 1950, amounted to £1,196,088. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1949 amounted to £843,782.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series : Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	DECEMBER		12 Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER QUARTER		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Metropolitan Area	1699	1496	1597	1436	1607	1459	1538	1410
Balgoorlie-Boulder	1841	1624	1728	1572	1706	1544	1636	1502
Northam	1729	1507	1613	1455	1614	1467	1550	1420
Bunbury	1718	1497	1610	1443	1633	1472	1559	1424
Geraldton	1756	1535	1636	1571	1686	1521	1611	1475
Collie	1727	1506	1611	1455	1548	1395	1477	1353

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1949			1950		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	111,653	36,839	148,492	117,756	38,819	156,575
February	110,931	37,417	148,348	118,064	39,050	157,114
March	112,063	37,770	149,833	119,009	39,708	158,717
April	112,671	37,887	150,558	119,440	39,726	159,166
May	112,777	37,782	150,559	120,616	39,755	160,371
June	113,010	37,928	150,938	120,479	39,952	160,431
July	111,190	37,991	149,181	120,412	39,753	160,165
August	113,003	38,098	151,101	121,263	40,015	161,278
September	113,933	38,358	152,291	121,691	40,367	162,058
October	114,603	38,649	153,252	121,871	40,343	162,214
November	116,102	39,143	155,245	122,889	40,583	163,472
December	117,493	39,684	157,177	123,146	41,199	164,345

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1946	1947	1948	1949(a)	1950(a)	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	145	162	171	179	199	995	1134	1233	1354	1410
February	148	164	172	182	196	1016	1138	1249	1358	1387
March	151	166	176	186	198	1045	1145	1264	1371	1415
April	153	167	176	187	199	1051	1144	1264	1377	1415
May	154	168	177	187	201	1069	1151	1277	1354	1418
June	154	167	177	187	201	1087	1153	1277	1362	1429
July	157	167	177	182	200	1096	1168	1301	1381	1423
August	159	167	179	187	201	1109	1181	1294	1377	1419
September	160	168	180	191	202	1114	1172	1302	1365	1428
October	161	168	180	191	203	1118	1184	1318	1375	1431
November	158	169	182	192	203	1133	1215	1349	1402	1450
December	163	170	182	193	203	1165	1267	1385	1470	1531

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1949 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1949 -</u>									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107
July	4,645	665	5,310	4,371	643	5,014	374	29	403
August	104	9	113	195	19	214	283	19	302
September	67	2	69	102	7	109	248	14	262
October	67	12	79	82	7	89	233	19	252
November	34	7	41	43	4	47	224	22	246
December	38	3	41	25	2	27	237	23	260
<u>1950 -</u>									
January	69	3	72	146	8	154	160	18	178
February	46	7	53	56	5	61	150	20	170
March	36	5	41	49	5	54	137	20	157
April	45	10	55	86	10	96	96	20	116
May	52	10	62	53	8	61	95	22	117
June	105	19	124	114	19	133	86	22	108
July	93	22	115	77	15	92	102	29	131
August	72	10	82	65	17	82	109	22	131

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
29th January, 1951	£ s. d. 8. 12. 11.	£ s. d. 4. 17. 9.	£ s. d. 8. 12. 11.	£ s. d. 4. 17. 9.	£ s. d. 9. 0. 5.	£ s. d. 5. 1. 9.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	22,528	19,294	154,794	129,013
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	20,629	17,659	141,846	117,876

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
January, 1951	5,876	500	74,093	10,076
January, 1950	5,520	425	67,740	9,963
12 Months ended December, 1950	109,913	5,210	866,874	98,919
12 Months ended December, 1949	105,699	5,308	922,449	109,204

